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**JOEL KLEIN TO BECOME ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FOR ANTITRUST**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Attorney General Janet Reno today announced that Joel I. Klein will become the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division upon the departure of Anne K. Bingaman. Klein, 49, is currently the principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Division, and has served in that capacity since April 1, 1995.

On August 1, Bingaman announced that she would resign her position as head of the Antitrust Division to return to the private sector. She expects to leave no later than November 15 of this year.

"Joel has been an outstanding Deputy. His efforts in international antitrust enforcement and his command of complex antitrust issues are exemplary. I know that under his leadership, the Division will continue to vigorously enforce the antitrust laws," said Bingaman.

Klein came to the Division from the White House Counsel's office where he served from 1993 to April 1995 as Deputy Counsel to the President.

Before his work at the White House, Klein was in private practice with the Washington law firm Klein, Farr, Smith & Taranto. He has practiced law in Washington for more than 20 years and is considered to be one of the nation's leading appellate advocates having argued many cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Klein graduated magna cum laude from Columbia College and Harvard Law School in 1967 and 1971 respectively.

Klein and his wife Patsy Davis, live in Washington, D.C., with their daughter Julia, and a step-daughter, Harriet.

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